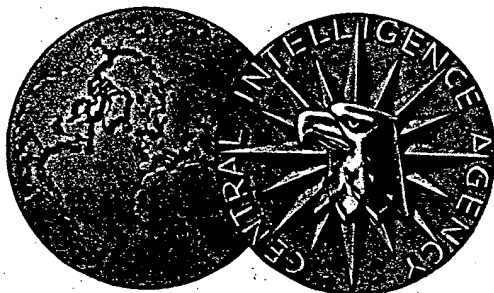


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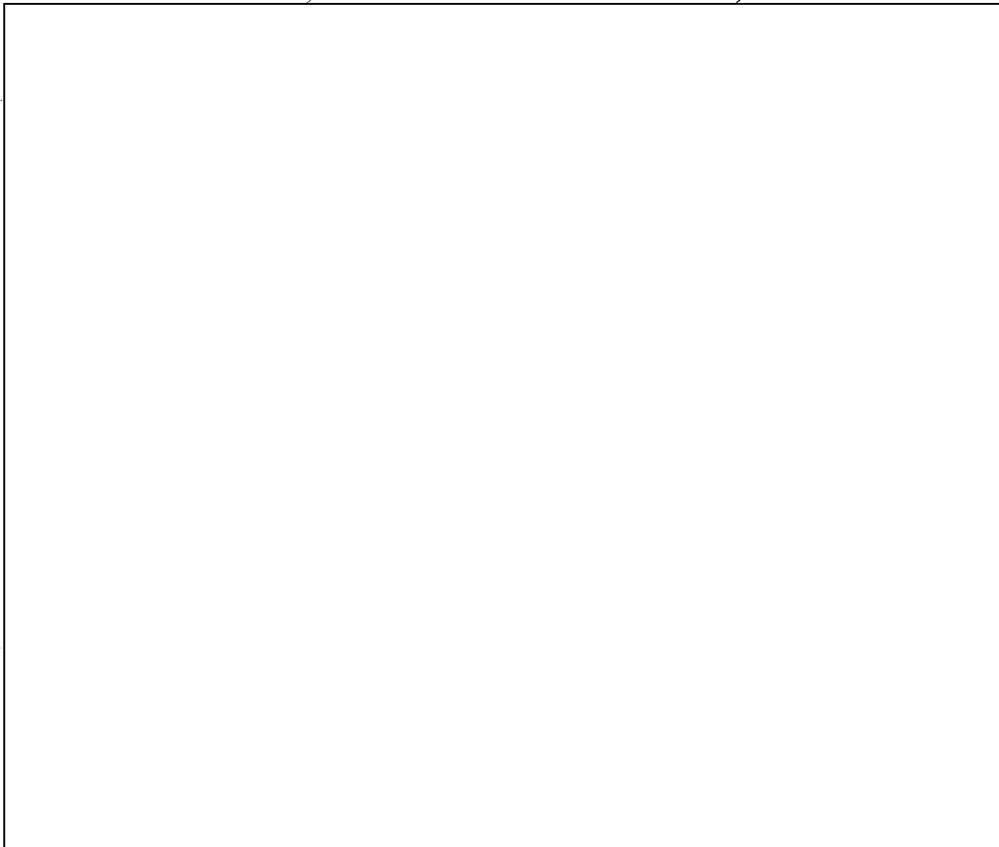
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Israeli Policy Although the Kremlin is unlikely to alter its basic policy toward Israel before the 25 January Israeli elections, the recent marked change in Czechoslovakia's earlier friendly attitude toward Israel may reflect an impending change in Soviet tactics in the Near East. Czechoslovak authorities have cancelled the Israeli military training program and the Government has allegedly forbidden unscheduled

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air flights to Israel. This latter move, by curtailing clandestine arms shipments, represents an obvious financial loss to Czechoslovakia and was probably dictated by the Soviet Union. The USSR may estimate that the establishment of Israel as a disruptive force in the Arab world has now been accomplished and that further military aid to a country of basically pro-western sympathies would ultimately prove prejudicial to Soviet interests in the Near East. Nevertheless, the Soviet Union, in the faint hope that Israel's pro-western alignment may change after the 25 January Israeli elections, has not yet altered its basic policy of politically supporting Israel.

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